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TO: SUMMER FLOUNDER INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUBJECT: OPENING OF VIRGINIA'S 2023 FALL DIRECTED OFFSHORE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY

2023 Fall Open Periods

- **Fall 2023, Virginia will open its Directed Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery for 4 periods. The open dates and landing limits are as follows:**
 - The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from Friday September 1 through Saturday September 30, 2023, is 20,000 pounds. Vessels may land 20,000 pounds per trip during this time period. Vessels may not land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.
 - The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from Sunday October 1 through Tuesday October 31, 2023, is 20,000 pounds. Vessels may land a maximum of 20,000 pounds for the entire period of October 1 through October 31, 2023
 - The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from Wednesday November 1 through Thursday November 30, 2023, is 20,000 pounds. Vessels may land a maximum of 20,000 pounds for the entire period of November 1 through November 30, 2023
 - The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from Friday December 1 through Sunday December 31, 2023, is 20,000 pounds. Vessels may land a maximum of 20,000 pounds for the entire period of December 1 through December 31, 2023.

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- **During the open Directed Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery periods, each vessel must hold a Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License and adhere to the below restrictions:**
 - It is unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.
 - It is unlawful to possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of summer flounder in excess of the total of the Virginia landing limit (20,000 pounds) and the amount of the legal North Carolina or New Jersey landing limit or trip limit.
 - It shall be unlawful for any person to possess aboard any vessel, in Virginia, any amount of summer flounder, once it has been projected and announced that 100% of the quota described in 4VAC20-620-30 A has been taken.
- For additional requirements please visit <https://mrc.virginia.gov/Regulations/fr620.shtm>

Additional Information

All announcements regarding the opening and closing of Virginia's Directed Offshore Flounder Fishery can be found on the home page of the agency website (<https://mrc.virginia.gov>), by clicking the link for "Summer Flounder Notices" under the section labeled Commercial Fishing.

If you have questions or comments, contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.